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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON'S VISIT: JOINT COMMUNIQUE

1. FOLLOWING JAMAICAN FOREIGN MINISTER PATTERSON'S MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY MARCH 3, IT WAS AGREED (AT UNCLASSIFIED

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JAMAICAN REQUEST) THAT A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON THE VISIT SHOULD BE ISSUED. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WILL BE ISSUED HERE AS PRESS RELEASE MARCH 7. WE ANTICIPATE THAT PATTERSON WILL RELEASE THE COMMUNIQUE IN KINGSTON ON HIS RETURN SUNDAY, MARCH 6.

2. BEGIN TEXT: ON MARCH 3, 1977, SECRETARY OF STATE

CYRUS VANCE OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN MINISTER PERCIVAL J. PATTERSON OF JAMAICA MET AT THE STATE DEPART MENT AND ENGAGED IN DISCUSSION IN AN ATMOSPHERE REFLECTING THE CORDIAL RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

3. THE TWO PARTIES WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THIS MEETING OFFERED THEM TO REVIEW THE CURRENT STATUS OF THEIR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND RECONFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE EACH PLACED ON CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS THAT ARE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED, NOT ONLY BY

GEOGRAPHY BUT ALSO BY SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT THAT ARE FOUNDED ON DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES.

- 4. THE PARTIES CONCLUDED THAT THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF EACH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE TO DEVELOP A MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR NATIONS. THEY AGREED THAT THE PRESENT DISCUSSIONS AND FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OF A SIMILAR NATURE PROVIDED A MEANS OF FURTHER DEVELOPING THE UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS THEY BOTH DESIRED.
- 5. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF JAMAICA AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD DISCUSSIONS ON POLITICAL ISSUES AND ON THE PRESENT STATE AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF THE ECONOMY OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE PROSPECTS FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE WERE DISCUSSED. IT WAS AGREED THAT JOINT TECHNICAL COMMITTEES WOULD BE FORMED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON THESE MATTERS. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 6. THE TWO PARTIES ALSO DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT SUBJECTS INCLUDING INVESTMENTS, TRADE, REGIONAL RELATIONS, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND FINANCIAL MATTERS AND ACCESS TO CAPITAL MARKETS.
- 7. THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER AFFIRMED THEIR MUTUAL RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER'S INSTITUTIONS AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND PLEDGED COOPERATION IN WORKING TOWARDS NORMALCY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WITHIN THE HEMISPHERE. THEY ALSO DISCUSSED THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, BELIZE AND THE PANAMA CANAL.
- 8. BOTH PARTIES EXPRESSED THE DESIRE AND EXPECTATION THAT TOURISM IN JAMAICA SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP, DRAWING SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, AND REFLECTING THE CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP TRADITIONAL BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF BOTH COUNTRIES.

9. THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF JAMAICA EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES TO PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO JAMAICA AS EARLY AS HIS SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES WOULD PERMIT. IN RESPONSE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE THANKED THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR HIS INVITATION AND EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO VISIT JAMAICA AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

10. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE AGREED TO TRY TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER MANLEY AND PRESIDENT CARTER AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE.

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